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OUR LITTLE FOLKS

There are 25 schools in the brotherhood not using this bright little paper. To these we have sent sample copies, and kindly ask that they be shown to the school, especially to the minister in charge and superintendent. Please examine them, and see whether or not they are just what you want for the little people. They are nicely illustrated, printed neatly on good paper and the lesson so simplified as to adapt it to the needs of the children. If you have a class of children in your school be sure to order this paper.

CHEERING WORDS

We call special attention to the illustrated missionary number of this paper. It is an excellent number and we have reasons to believe will do good missionary work. The number for June 12, contains an excellent story entitled, "Too Late," by B. C. Moomaw. Cuts for this story were ordered, but came too late to be used. This we very much regret, as they were specially designed for this story. The forms were held open two days but the cuts failed to come. It is our purpose to illustrate this paper regularly. It contains the cream of the very best reading matter for Sunday schools. We should like to have an order for this paper from every school in the brotherhood.

Temporal Insecurity

The crater of Aso-San, an extinct volcano in Japan, furnishes a good illustration of the uncertain tenure of temporal prosperity. This crater, one of the largest in the world, being something like thirty miles in circumference, has so long been inactive that the whole vast space is filled with debris, and the level surface has disintegrated into a fine rich soil. Smiling fields and fruitful vineyards appear on every hand, and a flourishing town of twenty thousand people reposes within the encircling rim of volcanic scoria. The only indication of internal fires which in ages past found vent thro this crater is a small issue of smoke and steam from a fissure near the center. Somewhere, perhaps not far beneath, rolls a fiery gulf which an unexpected but not improbable convulsion may send surging up thro its oldtime channel, overwhelming the fields, the vineyards, and the dwellers above in sudden and frightful ruin. Extinct volcanoes do sometimes resume business without a moment's warning, and belch all their terrors and all their destructions upon the surrounding country. It is said that previous to the frightful eruption which buried the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, Vesuvius had for ages been an extinct or at least a quiet volcano, and that flourishing vineyards clothed the fertile sides of the mountain to its lofty apex.

We behold here an illustration of the inse-

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curity of all temporal things. We dwell, as it were, just over a fiery gulf which will one day break forth and melt the elements with fervent heat. Our house of this world rests upon shaking, sinking foundations. Health, wealth, prosperity, every earthly good for which we toil and in which we seek repose may vanish in the twinkling of an eye. No abiding place have we here. This world is but a precarious, foundationless city of Aso-San, standing in the very crater of certain destruction sooner or later to come. "Arise and depart," said the eloquent prophet, "for this is not your rest. Let us seek the city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

Thy Rod and Staff

It is a most pertinent inquiry to determine, each one for himself, the secret support on which the soul habitually leans. No man, however favored with helpful environments, can go safely thro the world without some sufficient stay which may suffice his soul tho the heavens fall. This pilgrimage is too full of difficulty and peril for that. Nor do we like to contemplate the disasters which inevitably attend our misplaced confidence in false supports. That treacherous reed of worldly ambition, popular applause, health, wealth, will only break at the vital moment and pierce the hand. But why should we trust in lies when we may lean upon that rod and that staff which is able to comfort us "tho we walk thro the valley and shadow of death?" "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."

Personal Mention

Another accession reported in Brother Kieffer's charge.

Brother Copp closed his meeting at Dayton with three accessions.

Brother I. D. Bowman reports four more accessions at Allentown, Pa.

Brother J. S. Bowman recently closed a meeting at Boon's chapel, Va., with ten accessions.

We are pleased to learn that Brother Hall will be at Conference at Pleasant Hill, this week.

Brother Teeter reports another accession in his charge, and at the same time calls attention to an important matter in the way of reporting accessions.

Brother Shaver in his notes from the "Old Dominion" touches upon a vital matter, one that deserves farther notice, and will, in the near future receive editorial attention.

Yes, Sister Schlossnagle, we simply could not come to your communion services much as we would have enjoyed it. Thanks for your invitation. Some day the editor may surprise you.

Brother M. C. Meyers, pastor of the Berlin charge, closed a meeting at Listie, Pa., one of his regular appointments, with six accessions to the church, and the members much encouraged.

Brother Lyon recently visited his old home among the mountains of W. Va., and while there held a meeting resulting in three accessions. That is the way a consecrated man spends his vacation.

Brother Eli Hoover has been ordained to the Christian ministry, and will now give his time to that work. Brother Hoover is an excellent man and will do good service for the Master in that capacity.

At the late Conference held at Hagerstown, Md., sister Alice Schindler donated five dollars to the Brethren Publication Board, and brother H. F. Emmert donated two dollars. These donations are appreciated and will be used where they will do the most good.

We enjoyed a very pleasant visit from brother D. J. Meyers, Homerville, Ohio, last week. The communion services held in that congregation, May 28, were very pleasant and much enjoyed. Brother Meyers did not forget to leave us a V for subscriptions. Thanks.

Brother L. S. Bauman closed a meeting at Roann resulting in seven additions to the church. At McLouth, Kansas, there were fourteen accessions instead of ten as reported. Brother Bauman is now at Mexico engaged in revival work which is to continue for several weeks. He says he wants to get his people "hot" so they can stand the hot weather. That's right, Christians too, need to be acclimated.

A General Appeal

There has not been enough money coming to hand for some time to meet the current expenses of the General Mission Board. Some few churches have done nobly, but by far the greater number have done little or nothing thus far to sustain the general work. I, therefore, as secretary of the Board, hereby appeal to every pastor to preach a missionary sermon and take up a special missionary offering on the last Sunday in June. Just a little from each congregation will be ample to continue the general work for some time, as the Board is now working under greatly reduced expenses.

I am not begging; I simply hereby submit the question to the brethren everywhere whether the work begun shall continue and be enlarged or retrograde and finally fail. The Board is helpless except in so far as it is sustained by the friends of missions.

The special objective point at this time is the purchase of ground and erection of a church in Washington, D. C. About seven hundred dollars are thus far subscribed for that purpose. The project is not to be undertaken until twenty-five hundred dollars are subscribed for it.

Aside from small offerings for the sustention of the work I trust the brethren will continue to send in their pledges to the BUILDING FUND, either to the Secretary of the Board or to Brother Lyon.

Now let there be a rally on June 26th for missions.

J. C. CASSEL.
Sec. M. B. of B. C.

"The things I like best are the things I can't have," wailed a discontented little girl. Her cry, slightly transposed, is that of most of us. The things we cannot have are the things we consider the most desirable, chiefly because we cannot have them. We despise the treasures in our hands, and cry for the unattainable.—Sel.

We'll gain in health and happiness if we hope more and worry less.